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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 14-17, 19-23 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Goldman et al, European Patent Publication No. 0,588,101 (hereinafter Goldman).

Regarding claim 14, Goldman discloses a telephone answering device (see Figure 6), comprising:

a voice message recording means (see Stored Message Apparatus 46 from column 16) for recording messages (see the calling party can leave a message from column 16) from callers (see calling party at station 31 from column 16) calling said answering device;

Caller ID data recording means for recording Caller ID data (see message header from column 16) from the callers calling said device; and

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interface means for transmitting (see is placed from column 16) the recorded Caller ID data to a remote location (see Callback Number register 80 from column 16) when the recorded messages are retrieved;

wherein said interface means is adapted to transmit the recorded Caller ID data to a Caller ID device coupled to a telephone (see Subscriber 21) used to retrieve the recorded messages such that said Caller ID data may be used by said telephone to call back (see call back the originator from column 17) a number (see the number stored in the Callback Number register from column 17) associated with said Caller ID data.

Regarding claim 15, Goldman discloses a telecommunications system (see Figure 6), comprising:

a voice message (see the calling party can leave a message from column 16) storage and retrieval unit (see Stored Message Apparatus 46 from column 16);

a Caller ID data recording unit configured to record Caller ID data (see message header from column 16) from callers (see calling party at station 31 from column 16) calling said system;

an interface configured to transmit (see is placed from column 16) the recorded Caller ID data to a remote location (see

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Callback Number register 80 from column 16) when the recorded messages are retrieved; and

a call control system configured to receive the transmitted Caller ID data;

wherein said call control system includes a Caller ID storage and retrieval unit configured to cause a number (see the number stored in the Callback Number register from column 17) corresponding to received Caller ID data to be called (see call back the originator from column 17) by said call control system.

Regarding claim 16, see Figure 6.

Regarding claim 17, see Figure 6.

Regarding claim 19, see Figure 6.

Regarding claim 20, Goldman discloses a telecommunications method, comprising:

recording messages (see the calling party can leave a message from column 16) from callers (see calling party at station 31 from column 16) calling an answering device (see Figure 6);

recording Caller ID data (see message header from column 16) from the callers calling said answering device;

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transmitting (see is placed from column 16) the recorded Caller ID data to a remote location (see Callback Number register 80 from column 16) when the recorded messages are retrieved; and

wherein said transmitting comprises transmitting the recorded Caller ID data to a Caller ID device coupled to a telephone (see Subscriber 21) used to retrieve the recorded messages such that said Caller ID data may be used by said telephone to call back (see call back the originator from column 17) a number (see the number stored in the Callback Number register from column 17) associated with said Caller ID data.

Regarding claim 21, Goldman discloses a telecommunications method, comprising:

recording messages (see the calling party can leave a message from column 16) from callers (see calling party at station 31 from column 16) calling an answering device (see Figure 6);

recording Caller ID data (see message header from column 16) from the callers calling said answering device;

transmitting (see is placed from column 16) the recorded Caller ID data to a remote location (see Callback Number

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register 80 from column 16) when the recorded messages are retrieved; and

wherein said transmitting comprises transmitting the recorded Caller ID data to an apparatus in a call control system wherein said call control system includes a Caller ID storage and retrieval unit configured to cause a number (see the number stored in the Callback Number register from column 17) corresponding to received Caller ID data to be called (see call back the originator from column 17) by said call control system.

Regarding claim 22, see Figure 6.

Regarding claim 23, see Figure 6.

Regarding claim 25, see Figure 6.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

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4. Claims 18 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldman in further view of Kang et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,094,475 (hereinafter Kang).

As per claims 18 and 24, Goldman does not explicitly mention the call control system is a wireless carrier system. Regardless, Kang discloses this nifty feature (see Figure 1). For this reason, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Goldman with the wireless carrier system of Kang. This modification would have improved the flexibility of Goldman by utilizing any type of switching system as suggested by Goldman (see column 3).

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olisa Anwah whose telephone number is 571-272-7533. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8.30 AM to 6 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on 571-272-7547. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned

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